



PRESS ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

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The World Baseball Classic is an unprecedented baseball event that will feature the best players in the world competing for their home countries and territories for the first time ever. The tournament will provide a chance to see baseball in an exciting and compelling new format.

Teams from 16 baseball countries and territories on six continents will collide in the World Baseball Classic next March. From the first game in Tokyo, Japan on March 3 to the championship final in San Diego, California on March 20, a total of 39 games will be played to crown the world's best.

The application process for media accreditation is now open; applications will be accepted only through www.MLBcredentials.com:

- ▶ *Existing users* can login and apply using their existing user name and password.
- ▶ *New users* must obtain a user name and identification number by contacting Liz Grimes at the Major League Baseball credentials office at (212) 931-7878 or at credentials@mlb.com.

Hurry! The application deadline is coming up quickly, on **January 16, 2006**.

At the Classic, a high level of media support services is planned. Reserved seats, most with tables, access to electrical power and wireless high-speed Internet access, is planned for all sites. Post-game workrooms, formal and informal interview opportunities and a full program of information, profiles, quotes, news and notes will be provided at all Classic game sites.

Reserved shooting positions for photographers and, at many sites, special workrooms for photojournalists, are being arranged, also equipped with electrical power and high-speed, wireless Internet access where possible.

A noteworthy difference between U.S. Major League Baseball play and the international World Baseball Classic is that clubhouses are closed, as is the case in most major international events. As a result, special post-game player availabilities will be arranged in addition to the post-game news conference featuring each team's manager and featured player.

The complete schedule and up-to-date tournament information is available at www.WorldBaseballClassic.com.

We're looking forward to greeting you in Tokyo, San Juan, Orlando, Phoenix and Scottsdale for the first round of the Classic in March. Please complete your application for accreditation at www.MLBcredentials.com right away, but if you have questions in the meantime, do not hesitate to contact the Major League Baseball Public Relations Office at (212) 931-7878.